

**MCHENRY COUNTY STORMWATER COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 28, 2009**

Commission members and alternates present: Jeff Schroeder, Victor Ramirez, Sue Low, Robert Wagner, Mary McCann, Virginia Peschke, Anna May Miller, Scott Breeden and Peter Merkel.

Absent: Brian Sager, Barb Wheeler, Stan Duda

Staff: Mark Phipps, and Audrey Martin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Mr. Breeden, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2009 Stormwater Commission meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Phipps introduced Kerry Leigh. She is a trustee from the Village of Oakwood Hills and spoke to the Committee about the Village's plan to create a water quality management plan. Ms. Leigh stated the Village of Oakwood Hills is looking to acquire assistance with funding in order to do projects in terms of water quality. In order to get assistance, the Village needs to do some watershed planning.

Ms. Leigh explained the Village of Oakwood Hills does not have the capacity to manage a grant. The Village could be a stakeholder but they need the County to help assist in getting the grant. She stated she would assist the Committee in writing the grant and assist with writing the RFQ's to hire a consultant to do the watershed planning. Ms. Leigh distributed and reviewed a presentation handout which is attached to these minutes. She said grant applications are due August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and asked the Commission if they would be able to assist in getting the grant.

Chairman Miller said she does not believe the Stormwater Commission has the authority to establish a partnership with the Village of Oakwood Hills, but they could take a recommendation to the Natural and Environmental Resources Committee. The Finance Committee would also have to weigh in on the issue. Ms. Leigh said she is willing to wait until the next grant cycle.

Ms. Miller thanked Ms. Leigh for her presentation and told the Commission members to give it some thought and it will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

### **REPORT FROM TAC**

Mr. Bicking reported the TAC is continuing to work on the wetland restoration fund. The subcommittee has come up with an outline on how the fund will be administered. He said they may have something for the next Stormwater Commission meeting. The TAC is also working on countywide permits which will make it easier for individuals to come and apply without spending a lot of money upfront on engineering and be able to permit smaller projects. There are two countywide permits. The TAC is almost finished reviewing countywide permit number one and hopes to complete countywide permit number two by the next Stormwater Commission meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Phipps updated the Commission on Mr. Pecoraro who voiced his concerns at the last meeting regarding development by his neighbor which caused stormwater to accumulate on his property. Mr. Phipps looked into the situation and realized his neighbor was in the City of Crystal Lake. Mr. Phipps asked the City of Crystal Lake to investigate. After the City of Crystal Lake investigated the situation and responded to Mr. Pecoraro, he requested that Mr. Phipps further investigate the situation. Mr. Phipps determined that the development met all of the stormwater management requirements at the time the development was permitted.

Mr. Phipps mentioned Mr. John Bateman, who lives near the Patriot Estates subdivision located in the City of McHenry. Mr. Bateman admits he lives in an area that has standing water that has drained within a couple weeks prior to the development of Patriot Estates, however recently the water is now standing for months. Mr. Bateman believes it was directly related to the development of Patriot Estates that adversely impacted a drain tile that ran through his property. Mr. Phipps contacted the City of McHenry and requested information on what was required of the developer regarding the drain tile. The drain tile was functioning properly last July; however, that is no longer the case. Mr. Bateman thinks it is the fault of the development and his neighbors think it may be the fault of work previously done by the nearby sod farm. At the request of County Board member Barb Wheeler, all involved parties met and discussed the issues. The result was the requirements of the Stormwater Ordinance were met and the property owners should make sure the drain tiles are maintained on their property.

At the last meeting the Commission recommended forwarding the proposed stormwater amendments to IDNR and FEMA with the condition of the State's Attorney checking on one minor wording change. The State's Attorney approved with the wording change and the amendments were sent to IDNR and FEMA, who are in the process of reviewing those proposed amendments.

The Commission has talked about the County's efforts to improve their CRS classification. If this happens, the residents of the County would have decreased flood insurance premiums. Mr. Phipps has been in contact with IDNR to arrange a meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### ***Alternate Members***

Motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. McCann to approve Mr. Al Wilson as an alternate for Mayor Brian Sager. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### ***Selection of Officers***

Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Ms. Peschke to nominate Anna May Miller as Chairman of the Stormwater Commission. There were no other nominations. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Low, seconded by Mr. Merkel to nominate Mr. Sager for Vice Chairman of the Stormwater Commission. There were no other nominations. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Mr. Ramirez to nominate Ms. Low for Secretary of the Stormwater Commission. There were no other nominations. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Mr. Merkel to nominate Mr. Breeden as Treasurer of the Stormwater Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### **MISC. ITEMS**

Mr. Phipps introduced Sarah Anderson, a civil engineering student who is interning for the County. She is working primarily for Cassandra McKinney, the Water Resource Manager, but will also be assisting the Stormwater Division.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Mr. Ramirez to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.